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The Memorial of the State Agricultural Society of North Carolina to the General Assembly respectfully represents :

That in the year 1852, a Society was formed by a few citizens, who felt an interest in the Agriculture of North Carolina, and a deep desire for its prosperity. It was formed in the hope and belief that such a society, if properly conducted, might greatly promote the improvement and profits of our husbandry, and other pursuits connected with it, and thereby add to the wealth and welfare of the State. In the beginning the Association was altogether voluntary. But the Legislature of 1852, believing such a society an useful instrument for effecting the ends proposed, gave it a legal and permanent existence by an act of incorporation under the name of the State Agricultural Society of North Carolina. Many persons have since united themselves to the society, and it has increased considerably; numbering now nearly one thousand members. It has proceeded to fulfil its purposes, as far as it could obtain pecuniary means, by procuring and improving convenient grounds for holding a Fair in the vicinity of Raleigh, and holding a Fair in the month of October in each of the years 1853 and 1854.

Such associations have been eminently useful in other places, and, particularly, in some of our sister States to the south. They are beneficial by periodically bringing together the most intelligent and enterprising agriculturists, and others engaged in vocations auxiliary to agriculture, for mutual instruction, emulation, and pecuniary and honorary rewards. Hence the Legislatures in